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INFORMATION/OPPORTUNITY - Obama administration pressure on truth-tellers through left-wing groups (with Woodward in the news)

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All,

Figured this might be a good time to bring this story back up and see if there's a way to drive it.

From back when I was at The Daily Caller last September:

I uncovered emails showing the Department of Justice regularly colluded with the George Soros-funded left-wing smear machine Media Matters for America (amazingly, this group still has its nonprofit status) to smear whistleblowers, those of us in the press and potentially violate some laws.

Here's a link to the first story: <http://dailycaller.com/2012/09/18/emails-reveal-justice-dept-regularly-enlists-media-matters-to-spin-press/>

Among others, the list of people we know Holder/Media Matters teamed to publicly smear includes:

Me. Townhall Magazine's Katie Pavlich, Breitbart editor Joel Pollak and writer Ken Klukowski. Fox News Channel's William LaJeunesse, Judge Andrew Napolitano, Megyn Kelly, Martha MacCallum, Bill Hemmer, Bill O'Reilly and Sean Hannity. Sipsey Street Irregulars blogger Mike Vanderboegh. DirectorBlue blogger Doug Ross. Andrew C. McCarthy. J. Christian Adams. Hans von Spakovsky. Christopher Coates. Judson Phillips. House oversight committee chairman Darrell Issa.

Issa called the list President Barack Obama's "ENEMIES LIST" - particularly relevant now that Woodward (the guy who took down Nixon who had an enemies list) is in the news: <http://dailycaller.com/2012/09/20/issa-obamas-media-matters-collusion-like-richard-nixons-enemies-list/>

Katie Pavlich has more details on other DOJ efforts to smear people (including her), including how this appears to be a violation of the Whistleblower Protection Act (especially with regard to Coates - the New Black Panther Party guy - who was an ACTIVE DOJ employee when she coordinated a hit on him. That would be like any of your communications staffers working to smear another of your current employees.):

http://townhall.com/tipsheet/katiepavlich/2012/09/19/confirmed_again_doj_working_with_media_matters_to_squash_reporters

Coates told me in an interview (in a story detailing calls for the DOJ com staffer who did this, Tracy Schmalzer, to resign):
"I do find it unusual that apparently during the time that I was prosecuting criminal cases in South Carolina for the Department of Justice, the Department's press spokesman was clandestinely providing information to chosen media outlets to try to defame me," Coates told TheDC.

"Some of that information was false." -- <http://dailycaller.com/2012/09/20/resignation-calls-fly-at-justice-dept-spokeswoman-over-media-matters-collaboration/>

(Later in that story, I detail how several Congressmen think Media Matters maybe should lose 501c3)

<http://dailycaller.com/2012/09/20/resignation-calls-fly-at-justice-dept-spokeswoman-over-media-matters-collaboration/2/>

Rep. Trent Franks: "The briefest survey of Media Matters' website makes it clear the organization has a firm commitment to advancing a narrative that benefits President Obama's campaign," Franks said. "Between the consistent slant of the site's 'research' and recent stories indicating the organization worked directly with the Obama Administration to actively target reporters who dared criticize the Administration's disgracefully botched handling of Operation Fast and Furious, an investigation into Media Matters' 501(c)(3) status is more than warranted."

(Now former) Rep. Ben Quayle:

"This administration — they're propagandists," Quayle said in a phone interview. "They try to use their allies within the media, and knowing that Media Matters does have a tremendous amount of sway within the liberal media — because many times

and knowing that media matters does have a tremendous amount of sway within the media... because, many times, anchors are just reading reports coming off Media Matters — they're using it as a way of intimidation." "Does this violate any whistleblower protection laws that are out there?" Quayle asked. "I think this is a very serious matter that needs to be investigated." "Another thing I think that needs to be talked about is, 'How does Media Matters justify their 501(c)3 status right now?'" Quayle added.

Rep. Paul Gosar:

Arizona Republican Rep. Paul Gosar said the coordination between Media Matters and DOJ is "egregious." Pointing to a DOJ inspector general report on Operation Fast and Furious released Wednesday, Gosar said Schmalers email trail "shows, once again, along with this report, that higher-ups in Justice were trying to diffuse the message that was coming out properly by The Daily Caller, by Fox News, by key Republicans, by the Oversight Committee, and others."

Gosar also wants an investigation into coordination by Media Matters and the DOJ.

"I think not only should we bring in Media Matters, but also ask them in their collusion attempts with the DOJ what they actually did beyond what you have received in your FOIA requests," he told TheDC in a phone interview.

Rep. Trey Gowdy, who is on oversight and judiciary committees, promised a hearing: <http://dailycaller.com/2012/09/22/rep-trey-gowdy-%E2%80%98i-promise-you-we-are-going-to-have-a-nice-full-public-hearing%E2%80%99-on-media-matters-doj-collusion/>

Now, we haven't heard ANYTHING on hearing plans/investigation plans - my calls have thus far gone un-returned. Seeing as the administration is conducting its thug tactics against Bob Woodward right now, seems relevant to bring issue back up.

While he haven't heard anything on that front, we have had at least one victory here. Tracy Schmalers is resigning her position (she doesn't say why she wanted a new job, but we've seen this pattern with everyone from DOJ/elsewhere who resigns because of their misconduct - they leave after getting caught, but don't say why. Perfect example - Lanny Breuer.) Anyway here's my latest piece on her and how she's resigning: <http://www.breitbart.com/Big-Journalism/2013/02/15/Holder-flack-resigning-after-colluding-with-Media-Matters-to-make-Obama-s-enemies-list>

My suspicion is what we have here is just the tip of the iceberg. Barely. I know DOJ does this way more than they've allowed out (it took nine months to fight for those Schmalers emails with MMFA and that's likely just the beginning). And then since DOJ is doing this, State, CIA, DoD, Labor, Commerce, DHS, Energy, EPA, HUD, Transportation, Interior, Treasury, VA, Education and who knows how many others must be too. What are they telling the New York Times? What are they talking to other far left wing groups about? I think we can get at the heart of the Obama admin's weaknesses here.

Why's that? Any evidence obtained would be more proof of collusion between the administration and the media and far left groups, while at the same time serving as evidence of whatever ridiculously moronic big government policies they're pushing are.

In addition, since many in the conservative media are targets of this collusion, it presents an opportunity by which many would be interested in covering whatever's uncovered in an investigation. At that point, you can use the platform you garner from breaking this stuff open to talk about how the administration's policies are wrong (on whatever specific policy you find them doing this on) while at the same time laying out the case for how they've been propagandizing the American people.

Anyway, all, hope this helps and is relevant. Happy to discuss more with anyone more if they'd like. Just email me back here or call me at [REDACTED]